

**LAKE AND PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 16-07**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO REAUTHORIZE AND FUND ALASKA  
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS (ARDOR)**

**WHEREAS**, Alaska Regional Economic Assistance Program was created in 1988 and established the Alaska Regional Development Organizations (ARDOR); and

**WHEREAS**, the ARDOR program will terminate on July 1, 2016 and lose State of Alaska recognition unless the program is reauthorized; and

**WHEREAS**, ARDORs mission has remained consistent: to encourage the formation of regional development organizations to prepare and implement regional development strategies; and

**WHEREAS**, the program has been a critical link for 27 year between rural regions and the State to communicate economic development needs and opportunities, challenges and major issues impeding progress; and

**WHEREAS**, ARDORs provide support for local leaders to gather, mobilize and execute initiatives to improve economies; and

**WHEREAS**, ARDORs provide community outreach and engagement, as well as energy planning and energy efficiency efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, loss of the ARDOR program would be a huge loss to areas of the State that are attempting to develop economies and create jobs in the areas of high unemployment with expensive energy and transportation costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the State and ARDORs have fully complied with accountability and reporting requirements included in ARDOR statutes when the Legislature reestablished the program in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Walker retained program money in the FY17 Alaska State Budget as a vehicle to fund the ARDORs once they are reauthorized; and

**WHEREAS**, program analysis has shown that each dollar of State funding can leverage US Economic Development Administration planning grants, other Federal funding, and membership contributions.

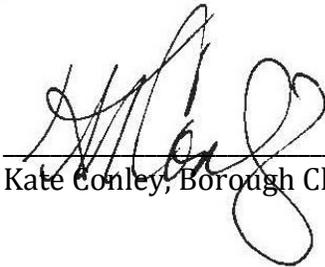
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lake and Peninsula Borough urges the 29<sup>th</sup> Alaska Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign a bill to reauthorize the ARDOR program for five years before the July 1, 2016 sunset date and retain maintenance level funding for qualifying ARDOR organizations.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the Lake and Peninsula Borough Assembly on this 15th day of March 2016.



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Glen Alsworth, Sr., Mayor



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Kate Conley, Borough Clerk